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21.	Punjab	12.34
22.	Rajasthan	31.78
23.	Sikkim	54.9
24.	Tamil Nadu	74.39
25.	Tripura	84.76
26.	Uttaranchal	70.48
27.	Uttar Pradesh	76.88
28.	West Bengal	80.44
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	36.36
30.	Chandigarh	100.00
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	50.00
32.	Daman & Diu	83.33
33.	Delhi	57.14
34.	Lakshadweep	100.00
35.	Pondicherry	81.58
ALL INDIA:		63.01

NB: 2.471 acres= 1 hectare

NA-Not Available

Production of maize

3196. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of maize during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the All India Starch Manufacturers' Association has demanded a ban on export of maize;

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(c) if so, the justification made by them in their demand; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The total production of maize in the country was 14.98 million tonnes in 2003-04, 14.18 million tonnes in 2004-05 and 14.71 million tonnes in 2005-06.

(b) and (c) The All India Starch Manufacturers' Association had demanded regulation of exports until the arrival of the next kharif maize crop in October, 2007 on the ground that 6-7% shortfall in World output is expected during the current year as compared to last year resulting in more demand for imports. Further, they have estimated that domestic production will fall short of demand for maize.

(d) Government has allowed the import of maize under Open General License at zero duty till 31.12.2007 as a measure to improve the availability of maize and containment of prices in the domestic market. The ban on export is not compatible with the World Trade Organization provisions.

Per hectare rice production

3197. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken note that country's per hectare yield is very less in rice production;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years particularly in comparison to China, Japan and USA;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate fresh steps to increase per hectare yield of paddy/rice in the country as this would ease the pressure on limited availability of lands in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The table below gives per hectare yield of paddy in the country in comparison to China, Japan and USA during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-2005 (latest available):